Woodlawn (Delcross Farm)
(Williams, Jonathon K., Farm)
County Route 429 approximately 1 mile
east of junction with Route 428
Odessa vicinity
St. Georges Hundred
New Castle County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM STATE COUNTY TOWN OR VICINITY Delaware New Castle County St. Georges Hundred. Odessa vicinity HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HABS NO. DE-229 Woodlawn SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Delcross Farm; Jonathon K. Williams Farm COMPLETE ADDRESS (OESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) County route #429 approximately 1 mile east of junction routes #428 and 429 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1886 (Bill of materials) Builders: William Rose & Co., Odessa (oral history) SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUOE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The five structures composing the Woodlawn farm complex were commissioned in 1886 by Jonathon Williams toward the close of the mid 19th century agricultural reforms and architectural renewals that transformed the southern New Castle Co. landscape. STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUOE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced frame construction for the bank barn, granary, and two cartsheds; brick construction for the carriage barn. SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See measured drawings: granary, 3 sheets; barn and cartsheds, 5 sheets; carriage harn, 2 sheets EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE . See measured drawings. INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (OESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHEO) Of particular note are the displays of competence in the assembly of the frames. The cartsheds are noteworthy for their elaborate bracing system and post on stone pillow construction. MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Granary interior remodeled mid 20th century for use as machine shed; piggery and sty attached to carriage barn removed mid 20th century. PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent; agricultural OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; family papers; Delaware Rural History Project